

FACT SHEET CITY/STATE PARTNERS PROGRAM

WHAT IS THE CITY/STATE PARTNERS PROGRAM?

The City/State Partners Program is a joint effort between Ex-Im Bank and state and local entities around the country to bring Ex-Im Bank's financing services to small and medium-sized U.S. companies that are ready to export. Small business represents the economic sector where the greatest potential for American job and export growth lies. But despite the competitiveness of their products, smaller businesses often cannot get commercial bank export financing. Frequently they are unaware of Ex-Im Bank's programs and how to use them.

To bridge the gap, Ex-Im Bank has formed partnerships with 38 state and local government offices and private sector organizations to bring its programs to the exporter at the lowest cost to the American taxpayer. Ex-Im Bank has resources in the form of loans, guarantees and insurance programs. State and local representatives have the staff and the knowledge of the local market and how to reach it. By pooling strengths in a local-federal partnership, both accomplish what neither could do alone -- creating high-quality U.S. jobs and expanding the local tax base through exports.

HOW DOES THE PROGRAM WORK?

Ex-Im Bank trains the staff of its City/State partners to market Ex-Im Bank's programs to local businesses and commercial banks, teach seminars, counsel exporters and banks, and package transactions. The expense of packaging a small deal is often prohibitive for a bank. By packaging transactions for the banks, City/State partners facilitate many commercial loans that otherwise would not go forward.

To join the City/State Partners Program, a state export finance or development agency must: 1) prepare a three-year budget and a marketing plan, and 2) send two qualified professionals to a three-day seminar on Ex-Im Bank programs and an additional week of advanced training in Washington, D.C. In addition, City/State Partners sign an operating agreement with Ex-Im Bank.

WHERE ARE PROGRAMS OPERATING?

City/State partners programs presently are operating in 32 states, three counties, two cities, a Chamber of Commerce and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. The addresses of these programs are listed on the following pages. Other interested agencies should contact:

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WHAT SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE PROGRAM?

All Ex-Im Bank resources are available through its City/State partners, including two programs found particularly useful by smaller exporters: 1) the **Working Capital Guarantee Program** which provides guarantees of working capital loans to finance companies' export-related and pre-export activity, and 2) the **Export Credit Insurance Program** that insures companies against payment default by foreign customers. Ex-Im Bank also provides medium-term credits and guarantees.

EXPORT ASSISTANCE CENTER LIAISON

City/State partners also represent Ex-Im Bank in the U.S. Export Assistance Centers set up around the country by the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee to bring a wide range of federal government trade promotion services to smaller exporters.

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State of California

California Export Finance Office
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State of Florida

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PROGRAMS:

Business finance assistance, loan packaging and referral service for Ex-Im Bank programs, referral service for SBA programs.

Ex-Im Bank Umbrella policy, direct financing for insured receivables, WCGP packaging, fixed asset financing.

Ex-Im Bank Umbrella Policy and pre/post shipment loan guarantee packaging. SBA packaging.

Trade finance structuring, insurance counseling &

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WCGP packaging.

State of Georgia

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Trade finance structuring
fixed asset financing, insurance
counseling & WCGP
packaging.

State of Illinois

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Trade finance structuring
fixed asset financing, insurance
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State of Indiana

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State of Michigan

State of Michigan/Jobs Commission
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Trade finance structuring,
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counseling, WCGP and
federal assistance program
packaging.

Trade finance structuring,
WCGP packaging, Ex-Im Bank
umbrella policy & prepara-
tion of applications for
all Ex-Im Bank programs.

WCGP packaging,
Export Guarantee Program,
trade finance structuring,
Ex-Im Bank Umbrella Policy.

Trade finance structuring,
insurance, & WCGP
packaging.

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State of Minnesota

Trade Office

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Export finance counseling, *Minnesota* packaging of MEFA, Ex-Im Bank and SBA working capital St. guarantees supporting exports, open account credit insurance.

State of Mississippi

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Full service export marketing assistance, trade promotion, trade shows, & trade missions, business development, trade finance structuring, insurance counseling, and WCGP packaging.

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State of Missouri/ Office of International Marketing

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WCGP packaging, trade finance, counseling.

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Full service export marketing assistance, trade promotion, trade shows, business development, trade finance structuring, insurance counseling, and Ex-Im Bank and SBA WCGP packaging.

State of Nevada

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Counseling and financing assistance using SBA and Ex-Im Bank programs.

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Counseling and financing assistance utilizing SBA and Ex-Im Bank Programs.

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Trade finance structuring, counseling, WCGP packaging, and packaging for all other Ex-Im Bank programs, packager of SBA's Export Working Capital Guarantee Program.

State of New Jersey

New Jersey Commerce and Economic Growth Commission
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Trade finance structuring, insurance, & WCGP packaging.

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WCGP packaging, marketing information and counseling.

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State of North Carolina

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WCGP packaging.

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WCGP packaging.

Full range of export related, services and financing assistance including SBA, and Ex-Im Bank packaging, venture capital, and direct loans.

Export-readiness profiles and assessments, market research, export strategy development and implementation, WCGP and insurance counseling.

Full service export support, market research, business plans & trade finance structuring, WCGP packaging & insurance counseling.

Trade finance and export counseling.

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State of Texas

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Full service export support,
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State of Washington

Export Finance Assistance Center of Washington

Trade financing structuring
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